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CITY TO BEGIN STARMOUNT FOREST WATER REHABILITATION PROJECT

GREENSBORO, NC (July 30, 2004) – The City of Greensboro Water Resources Department will begin rehabilitating waterlines in the Starmount Forest neighborhood beginning Monday, August 2 at 7:00 am. Streets affected include portions of Idlewild Avenue, Hillwood Court, Redbud Drive, Dogwood Drive, Audubon Drive, and Knollwood Drive.

The rehabilitation project will clean the inside of the pipes down to bare metal to remove buildup formed in old pipes that restricts water flow. The pipes will then be lined with an approved epoxy resin that will protect the pipes and prevent future buildup. Old valves and hydrants connected to these mains will also be replaced.

The rehabilitation process requires the set-up of a temporary water system, which will be placed in service before the cleaning begins. The temporary system will be placed on top of the ground and provisions will be made where traffic must drive over it.

Contracted crews will begin the project by moving materials to the work site. The temporary water system will then be installed on top of the ground. Digging for access to the water mains will follow, however most of that work will be done in the street. Only in a few isolated spots will digging be needed in resident's yards. Water meters must be removed during this work to hookup the temporary water system, so the City will estimate affected customer's water bills during the project by computing average water usage costs for each customer.

The entire project should take about two months to complete. When finished, there should be a reduction in the occurrence of cloudy or muddy water, and increased water available for fire protection. Customers should see no difference in their water service during the project, but may call the 24-hour Water Resources service center at 373-2033 if any problems are experienced.

The City of Greensboro works in partnership with the community to build an increased quality of life for all residents by fostering an environment where inclusion, diversity, and trust are valued. As the seventh largest employer in Greensboro, the City has a dedicated professional staff of 2700 employees who maintain four core values of honesty, integrity, stewardship, and respect. The City of Greensboro is governed by a council-manager form of government where a mayor and eight council members act as the legislative body. For more information on the City of Greensboro, please visit us online at www.greensboro-nc.gov.

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